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SECSTATE FOR HOLBROOKE

WHITE HOUSE FOR BOURNE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS

REF: A. MANILA 7610, B. MANILA 7790, C. MANILA 7791

1. WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL ASSISTANT DR. PETER BOURNE MET MAY 23 FOR ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS WITH MRS. MARCOS AND WAS JOINED FOR TWENTY MINUTES BY PRESIDENT MARCOS. CHARGE ACCOMPANIED. BOURNE WILL REPORT IN FULL UPON RETURN WASHINGTON. THERE FOLLOW SOME GENERAL IMPRESSIONS.

2. THE DISCUSSION COVERED UNICEF AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY BOURNE'S SPEECH EARLIER IN THE DAY, AND ISSUES OF CHILD CARE, NUTRITION, NARCOTICS, ETC., WITHIN BOURNE'S AREA OF CURRENT RESPONSIBILITY. MRS. MARCOS ALSO RECAPITULATED HER VIEWS ON THE PHILIPPINES "SCHIZOPHRENIC" POSITION AND PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN RELATIONS SET FORTH IN REFTELS A AND B.

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THE HEAVIEST EMPHASIS WAS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, A TOPIC BROACHED BY MRS. MARCOS, BUT BEAUTIFULLY DEVELOPED BY BOURNE TO GIVE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON THE ORIGINS AND DEPTH OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, AND A CLEAR GRASP OF THE MEANING OF THE CARTER HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY.

3. THE MARCOSES WERE VISIBLY IMPRESSED WITH THE BOURNE MESSAGE, AND TOGETHER THEY EXPRESSED THEIR FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE PURSUIT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES IN THE BROAD FRAMEWORK OF THEIR NEW UNDERSTANDING OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND OF THE INTENTIONS BEHIND IT.

4. COMMENT: THIS WAS A VERY USEFUL EXERCISE. I BELIEVE IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT WORKING TOGETHER OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS, WE HAVE GOTTEN THE HUMAN RIGHTS MESSAGE ACROSS TO THE MARCOSES. NOW IT IS UP TO THEM TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR ALLEGED UNDERSTANDING AND COMMITMENT.

5. THE MARCOSES WERE MUCH INTERESTED IN THE VISITOR FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND INVITED HIM TO RETURN WITH MRS. BOURNE FOR A LONGER VISIT. WE HOPE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO.  
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